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No. 51.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1882.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

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The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [4]

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The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [165]

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

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The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

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CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [53]

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TO LET.

OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, ALSO, No. 4, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
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DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1882. [74]

TO BE LET.

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No. 8, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, at present in the occupation of Mr. J. D. HUTCHISON.
Apply to
J. A. CARVALHO.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1882. [147]

A LARGE GRANITE GOWDOWN, in "BLUE BUILDINGS," Praya East, with immediate possession.
Apply to
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33, WELLINGTON-STREET.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1882. [49]

Intimations.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [6]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX CROWN

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [5]

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Agents.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [3]

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Hongkong, January 30th, 1882. [79]

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THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

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AND

HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL DONOVAN.

THE ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY,

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A. HÖFLICH,

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1882. [144]

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 8th March, 1882. [145]

M. GUEDES.

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No. 33, WELLINGTON-STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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REMOVED their Office and Ware-room to No.

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Hongkong, 11th November, 1881. [35]

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Hongkong, 22nd March, 1882. [177]

Intimations.

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E. B. JOREY,

Naval Storekeeper.

H.M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1882. [168]

E. CASSIMBOY.

Intimations.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1882.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, held yesterday afternoon, afforded the honourable and irrepressible F. BULKELEY JOHNSON an opportunity of indulging in another of those oratorical displays which are apparently that gentleman's besetting weakness and special hobby. We have already had occasion to refer to Mr. Johnson's extraordinary craving for the bubble notoriety, which has been displayed by the honourable gentleman on every available opportunity, and on every kind of object since his advent to this Colony, and it is a matter of sincere regret to us that our judicious counsel, so courteously offered to our modern DEMOSTHENES, has hitherto failed to keep his speechifying propensities fairly within bounds. At the meetings of the Legislative Council in which this honourable member has assisted, he was, for a time permitted to freely indulge in long-winded orations on every conceivable subject until the constant sound of his melodious voice became tedious and little short of a nuisance to practical men of business, who had assembled for the purpose of working and not wasting time listening to oceans of useless eloquence. We do not question that the "undorned eloquence" of the Mr. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON is very charming, and it doubtless possesses many attractions for the honourable gentleman himself and his immediate supporters; but as too much of the best of good things in time pall upon the appetite, even the brilliant oratory of the accomplished head of the "princely house" can be, and has lately been, very much overdone. We consider his latest exhibition quite out of place and uncalled for—a speech made for the evident purpose of hearing himself talk. Let us glance cursorily at the principal features of the speech to the Chamber of Commerce, reported in another column, and see what actual grounds Mr. Johnson had for unbosoming himself at such great length.

The Report of the Chamber of Commerce is a very complete and exhaustive one, and deals fairly enough with the various matters affecting the commercial interests of the community during the past year. That these matters were of very minor and insignificant commercial importance has little to do with our present object, although they may prove the basis of a future article. The Chairman, the Hon. P. RYRIE, proposed the adoption of the Report and accounts in a few well chosen words, briefly alluding to the salient features of the annual statement, and wisely confining himself to the actual business for which the meeting had been convened. Before the Chairman's proposal was seconded, up jumps Mr. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, evidently prepared to show that although he was bound to submit to the ordinary rules of debate in the Council Chamber with Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY in the Chair, he could set all recognised regulations at defiance in the Chamber of Commerce. The honourable gentleman commenced by hoping that the meeting would not consider he was unduly occupying the time of the Chamber while he made a few remarks on one or two subjects suggested by the Report. That he was out of order in his "few remarks" is positively cer-

tain, and unless the Chamber of Commerce is an ordinary discussion forum where political and personal matters may be unreservedly debated, the valuable time of the members present was unduly occupied. After all, what had Mr. Johnson to tell the members worth knowing, that they were not previously perfectly well acquainted with? Everybody in Hongkong knows quite as much practically about the vexed so-called Blockade Question as Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, but few, very few indeed, would be so indiscreet as to publicly assert that the present existing state of affairs is an "admittedly illegal arrangement." Who admits that the right of the Chinese Government to take such steps as they think proper in their own waters to protect their revenue is an admittedly illegal arrangement? Sir THOMAS WADE, Her Majesty's Minister in China? Her Majesty's Government in London? The Imperial Chinese Government at Peking? No, not one of these, but a more reliable authority than all Mr. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, unofficial member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, and local head of the eminent mercantile house of JARDINE, MATHEWS, & Co. It will be news to a great many people to hear that "the great body of Chinese in the Colony are Chinese who are not British subjects, and whose sympathies are almost always with the policy of their brethren on the mainland." However, Mr. JOHNSON has no doubt satisfied himself on these points, although his mere *ipse dixit* will not go very far towards convincing people who happen to be very much better informed than the honourable gentleman appears to be, judging from his speculative remarks. The true meaning of Mr. JOHNSON's allusions to the so-called blockade were contained in his reference to the reported impending negotiations between the Chinese, Indian, and British Governments with regard to the opium question. Considering the probability of some great change taking place in the opium business as the result of these negotiations, the speaker thought it highly desirable that the Chamber should watch with great jealousy any further restriction on the trade of the Colony. And no doubt any attempt to restrict the importation of Indian opium into Hongkong will be jealously watched by those whose interests would be imperilled by such a change. But what good effects can ever accrue from this jealous watching of measures, which if introduced at all, will be under Imperial sanction. The British Government, if prepared to sacrifice the Indian opium revenue, are hardly likely to pay much heed to the alleged grievances of a few Hongkong merchants, even when supported by the powerful influence of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. JOHNSON's observations on the now notorious *Ocean* case, however much they may have been morally justified, were gratuitous, ill-timed, and entirely out of place. If it be true that the Chinese emigrants were so inhumanly treated in Sydney as has been publicly alleged, it is for Her Majesty's Government to take such steps as may be considered requisite to obtain redress. The interference of a private commercial association in a matter of this kind would be worse than puerile. It is hardly likely that the government of New South Wales, or in fact of any of the Australian Colonies, will be influenced in their decision on the points at issue by the opinions of Mr. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, or the action of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

So far, Mr. JOHNSON had confined himself to matters which to some extent—more or less—might be considered fairly within the province of the Chamber. His next move, however, should have been at once nipped in the bud. If the honourable gentleman was desirous of meddling with political subjects, of impugning the veracity, and impeaching the honour and good faith of Governor HENNESSY, there were plenty available means of doing so ready at his hand, without intruding on the patience of the members of the Chambers of Commerce. If Mr. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON has a good case against the Governor with reference to the use made by His Excellency of the celebrated tell-tale list of rate-payers, our columns and those of our contemporaries are always open to ventilate such matters. His alleged facts and figures were, to say the least, painfully out of place in the City Hall, and scarcely fitted in with his later observations. We are glad to have such a high authority as that of the Hon. F. B. JOHNSON for the assertions that the commercial prosperity of China was never greater than it is at present, and that the immensity of the prosperity enjoyed by foreign firms was due to the Chinese. These are facts worth knowing, after all the inspired tales we have been told of the ruin and decay which Governor HENNESSY had brought upon the Colony—the only facts meriting public attention in the whole of the honorable member's long drawn out oration.

In a debate upon Egypt in the French Chamber of Deputies on February 23rd, the President of the Council of Ministers said that the French Contractor-General has been instructed to maintain a preponderant influence in Egypt, the European concert, he said, was the best way to guard against serious consequences in the present state of affairs.

SAYS this morning's *Daily Press*:—"The orchid house in the Botanic Gardens will well repay a visit at present. There are a large number of plants in bloom." "It is to be hoped the community will roll up in regiments to enjoy this unwanted treat provided for them by the special enterprise of the morning oracle. We are anxiously waiting for some more interesting information of the character of the above choice *maracuan*."

AN Indian telegram which appears in the *Straits Times* explains that the Count Schouvaloff, whose death was wired from London by Reuter a short time ago, is not the eminent Russian Statesman, who was formerly Ambassador at the Court of St. James's. We never heard of any other Count Schouvaloff whose public services entitled him to a special telegraphic obituary notice, so it is probable the wire manipulator to be again caught napping.

On the question of a Commercial Treaty between France and England, Sir Charles Dilke, in replying to a question in the House of Commons on February 25th, said that the most favoured nation clause would come into operation with France after the 15th of May, and that the old treaty tariff would in the meanwhile continue in force; also that the action of the French Government was voluntary, and that the British Government had made no pledges.

OUR enterprising evening contemporary has once more been bungling and blundering over its "Late Telegrams." The following appears in last night's issue:—"March 1.—The committee appointed by the House of Lords to enquire into the working of the Irish Land Act met yesterday, when Lord Cairns was elected chairman. Mr. Foster has been invited to give evidence, but the Cabinet has decided to refuse permission for him to do so." Considering that this item of news appeared in our columns on March 3rd, the *China Mail* has certainly good grounds for terming it a "late telegram."

LORD HARTINGTON has, according to an Indian telegram, after enquiry, given his decision regarding the charges brought against Sir Richard Meade by the *London Statesman*. The Secretary of State is satisfied that Sir R. Meade simply acted upon orders received from the Government, and that the imputation of corruption is entirely unfounded. His Lordship describes Sir Richard as an upright, zealous servant of Government, and says his confidence in the late Sir Richard's honour and integrity is unshaken. Sir Richard has expressed himself quite satisfied with this vindication of his character.

WITH reference to the sudden death of Mr. del Aguilu, reported in our issue of yesterday, we are glad to hear that his Portuguese friends have already taken steps to make some provision for the five children of the deceased, who are said to be left totally unprotected. Considering that Mr. del Aguilu had been for over 20 years in the Post Office department, and during the whole of that period given great satisfaction in the performance of his duties, we consider this a case in which the Government might well render the movement inaugurated amongst the Portuguese community substantial assistance.

In the House of Commons, on February 27th Mr. Gladstone moved to postpone the orders of the day in order to bring forward his motion that a committee of enquiry at the present time into the working of the Irish Land Act would defeat its operation and be injurious to the interests of good Government in Ireland. Mr. Gladstone also, in moving the above postponement, said that a compromise would have been possible had the House of Lords agreed to exclude any enquiry into the judicial operation of the Land Act. Sir Stafford Northcote opposed the motion, but the House eventually agreed to postpone the orders by 300 votes against 167. Mr. Gladstone then proposed his resolution. Mr. Gibson moved the previous question and the debate was adjourned.

IP MUX, a farmer, and Ip Yung Kiu, a horse coolie, were charged this morning before Dr. Stewart, with the larceny of a bag, three belts, two rings, and a key, the property of John Kennedy, of the Horse Repository. Mr. Kennedy said that at six o'clock this morning he met first defendant on the bridge close to the Repository, carrying a bag, and, having lost several things lately, he asked him what he had got. He caught hold of the defendant and felt something hard under his jacket, which he found to be the marlingale in Court, his property. He then made him empty the bag, and found the other articles in it, worth altogether two dollars and a half. He took first defendant to the station, and while on the way met the second defendant, his horse boy, to whom first defendant wanted to speak, but he prevented him, and sent second defendant home with his pony. In consequence of what first defendant said at the station, a Chinese Police Constable was sent to the Repository to arrest second defendant. In his defence, the first defendant said all the things were given him by his brother, the second defendant. The second defendant said the first defendant came from the country and stopped a night at the Repository, and intended going home to-day, and that he (the second defendant) bought some of the things in Court and gave them to the first defendant, that he knew nothing about the key, and picked up the marlingale at the Race Course during the Races. Second defendant (the horse boy) was convicted of larceny, and the first defendant of receiving, and both were sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour, the horse boy's wages also to be forfeited.

THERE will be a Masquerade Ball at the United Club, Staunton Street, on Saturday night.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok can go forward by mail closing at Singapore at 3 p.m. on 25th inst. (Saturday).

A REGULAR meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 1086, will be held at Freemason's Hall, Zetland Street, this evening at nine o'clock precisely.

A TELEGRAM received this afternoon says that a Royal Message has been read in both Houses asking for provision for Prince Leopold on his marriage. The debate is fixed for Thursday; Labouchere opposes.

HIS EXCELLENCY ITO and suite, recently arrived from Japan, and bound on a mission to European Courts, left last evening on a visit of a few days to Canton. The party will probably return to Hongkong on Saturday.

A TELEGRAM from Constantinople dated the 25th ult. announces that as a mark of friendship towards Austria the Sultan has sent troops to the frontier in order to prevent the Albanians joining the insurgents of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

FOR refusing to polish up the brass and get things ready to come into port on the 20th inst., Ebenezer Kent, a quarter-master on the steamship *Hongkong*, was this morning fined a dollar by Captain Thomsett, the Harbour Master.

POLICE SERGEANT HANSON, upon whom a desperate assault was made by a Chinaman, near the Peak, on the evening of Sunday the 12th inst., will not be able to leave hospital before the 31st. The case has, therefore, been further remanded by the Magistrate.

THE *Diamante* has been undocked at Kowloon, and her place will be taken there by the recently launched *That Ping*. At Sam-shui-po the *Charter Oak* was undocked this afternoon, and the *Gaelic* will be placed in this dock either to-night or to-morrow morning.

THE Tunisian question would appear to be as far as ever from a practical settlement. The frequent affrays occurring between the French and Italians in Tunis, of which telegraphic intelligence was received yesterday, will doubtless eventually lead to open hostilities between the two countries—a result we predicted months ago.

THE officers of the Inniskillings proceeding to the Straits Settlements by the *Tyne*, expected to leave on Saturday, are:—Lieutenant-Colonel Geldes, commanding the Regiment; Captains Michaelson and Thackeray; Lieutenants Levett, Charles, Young, Sanders (Adjutant), Davidson, Arncliffe, and Radcliffe; also Captain and Paymaster Kerr, of the Army Pay Department, attached to the Regiment.

AN influential deputation of steamship owners waited upon Earl Granville on the 28th ult., and protested energetically against the vexatious quarantine regulations in the Suez Canal. In reply His Lordship said the matter was seriously occupying the attention of the British Government, and that the Foreign Office had not been idle, having communicated with other Governments more or less indirectly to use their best efforts to remedy the present almost intolerable state of affairs.

We notice that a fortnight has now elapsed since the production of that infamous *canard* in which Governor Hennessy was said to have been recalled. Hatched first at East Point and circulated by the minions of the "princely house," it was immediately promulgated by that *chiffonnier* of journalists the *chen tabillard* of the *China Mail*, who described the community as in a hilarious condition thereat. We wonder, now the lying report has vanished in thin air, whether the community feel hilarious at being so grossly deceived. Perhaps not; they must be getting used to the *China Mail* utterances.

HONGKONG CIVILIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Committee.—Rev. F. C. Stobbing, R.N.; Captain F. A. Newington, R.M.L.; Captain Howarth (The Buffs); Lieut. B. F. Holme (The Buffs); Lieut. J. Charley, R.L.F.; Lieut. O. E. Ruck, R.E.; H. G. Fincham, Esq.; D.A.C.G.; Hon. W. M. Deane; Dr. Clouth; A. Coxon, Esq.; H. Fess, Esq.; W. Hynes, Esq.; R. K. Leigh, Esq.; H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.; E. MacKean, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

The third annual meeting was held on the Cricket Ground this afternoon. The weather which had been cold and raw, and altogether unsuited for outdoor sports during the forenoon, became quite mild and pleasant, proceedings commencing shortly after two o'clock under the most favourable auspices. Reserving our comments on the various contests until to-morrow, we append the winners of the events concluded up to the time of our going to press:—

- 1.—PUTTING THE SHOT.—Nofollow. One Hand, 7 foot run. 16-b. shot.
H. McL. Young, 30ft. 7in. 1
S. A. Crick, 28ft. 6in. 2
Isaac Hughes, 27ft. 8in. 3
- 2.—LONG JUMP.—Winners of Prizes at previous meetings to be penalised 6 inches.
H. St. D. Jarrett, 17ft. 3in. 1
Isaac Hughes, 17ft. 1in. 2
- 3.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 2 yards.
F. Hazeland, 17. 1
G. A. Caldwell, 17. 2
H. St. D. Jarrett, 17. 3
Time, 11 1-5th sec.
- 4.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 5 yards.
A. K. Travers (1031 yards).
H. St. D. Jarrett, 17. 1
F. Grimble, 17. 2
Isaac Hughes, 17. 3
Time, 19 sec.
- 5.—200 YARDS HURDLE RACE.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 5 yards.
H. St. D. Jarrett, 17. 1
F. Grimble, 17. 2
Isaac Hughes, 17. 3
Time, 19 sec.
- 6.—BOYS' FLAT RACE, 200 YARDS.—Age under 15. Open to European schools.
G. Grimble, 17. 1
H. Arthur, 17. 2
H. Hall, 17. 3
Time, 27 sec.
- 7.—HIGH JUMP.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 2 inches.
H. St. D. Jarrett (5ft.)

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Annual Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at City Hall yesterday afternoon. There were present—Hon. P. Ryrie (Chairman), Hon. F. B. Johnson, Messrs. C. Kalin, A. P. MacEwen, E. Mackintosh, G. Sharp, J. Poessnecker, H. L. Dalrymple, F. D. Sassoon, J. Thurburn, W. M. Morgan, A. Coxon, W. H. F. Darby, M. E. Sassoon, C. P. Chater, G. O. Scott, G. de Champeaux, H. W. Davis, F. H. Arjance, W. Forrest, E. George (secretary), &c.

The following is the Report:—
The Committee beg to place before the members of the Chamber the following report of their proceedings for the year ending 31st December, 1881.

THE BLOCKADE.
At the last annual meeting it was proposed to memorialise Her Majesty's Government for the removal of the blockade—the Memorial has been drafted and placed in the hands of a sub-committee for completion, and they are awaiting the receipt of certain papers containing information on the subject before proceeding further in the matter.
THE TREATMENT OF CHINESE PASSENGERS FROM HONGKONG BY THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT.
A representation having been made to the Chamber by the Agents of the steamship *Ocean* regarding the treatment of the passengers by that vessel bound to Sydney by the Government of New South Wales, your Committee deemed it imperative upon them to make a strong appeal to the Chamber of Commerce, Sydney, with a view to obtaining redress for the modification of the laws affecting emigration to that Colony. The correspondence will be found in the appendix, and copies have been forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

EMIGRATION TO HONGKONG.
At the last annual meeting it was proposed that this Chamber memorialise the Governor to withdraw the restrictions on emigration from Hongkong to Shanghai.
Your Committee have no time in communicating this resolution to the Government, and in reply the Chamber is informed that His Excellency the Governor could not sanction any Chinese Emigration involving control of service, because of the effect of the printed Rules issued for the last six years by the Emigration Officer, framed under instructions from Her Majesty's Government, respecting Chinese Emigration, says:—"Emigration under contract of service is prohibited unless the ship shall be proceeding to a British Colony."

REPRESENTATION IN ENGLAND.
In furtherance of this object the Chamber has received a communication from the "British and Colonial Union," which has been established in London for the furtherance of Trade between Great Britain, her Colonies and Dependencies, to promote the Commercial Interests of the British Empire. The first resolution of the Union is as follows:—
"That, considering the increasing importance of the Colonial Trade of Great Britain, and that the Chamber of Commerce, as a representation in the Imperial Parliament, and, considering, also, that Commercial Treaties with Foreign Countries, whereby Colonial interests are deeply affected, are entered into upon the Mother Country without adequate consultation with the Colonies, this Conference is of opinion that in all matters of Imperial or International Treaties where Colonial interests are directly or indirectly involved, an endeavour should be made to ascertain the views of the Colonies, and that proper weight be attached to their opinions."

As in the opinion of your Committee the above resolution meets to a certain extent the want so long felt here of having some representation in London of the interests of this Colony, your Committee have requested that the Chamber be added to the list of members and have forwarded a subscription of £1 Guinea; this has been duly acknowledged, and you are now invited to send a gentleman to represent the Chamber at the Council Board of the Union.

REUTER'S POLITICAL TELEGRAMS.
In reply to the representations made to Reuter's Telegraph Co. as to the inefficiency of the former service, the Directors undertook to increase the service from one month to another monthly payment of £500. His Excellency the Governor having approved, your Committee at once closed the subscription, and understanding that a daily service will be supplied from the 1st January, 1882.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TELEPHONE INTO HONGKONG.
The Chamber having been requested to become members of the proposed exchange, your Committee have had the matter under consideration, but do not see that any special purpose would be served by so doing as the enterprise is one the merits of which must be decided by the general body of the mercantile and trading communities.

THE MAIL SERVICE.
Your Committee have been in communication with the Postmaster-General here and the Superintendent of the P. & O. Company with a view to obtain such an alteration in the day of departure of the Homeward mail as to enable the Chamber to have a meeting on Sunday, but although everything has been done by both these gentlemen to meet the views of the Chamber, it has been found to be impracticable to alter the existing time of the mail. However, the latter gentleman has courteously sent the Chamber an extract from a letter from the Managing Directors in which they say:—

"The question of the time of the P. & O. mail is a subject of great importance, and it is impossible to say what the Postmaster-General will finally decide upon, but we will certainly endeavour to secure your Chamber of Commerce when the matter comes up again for discussion."

ACCOUNTS.
These have been audited by Messrs. Geo. O. Scott and J. G. T. Haxell. There is a balance at credit to carry forward a new account of \$24,774, and the amount on hand deposited is \$8,750,000.

NEW YEAR.
The Tak On Bank has retired from the Chamber, and Mr. Atwell Clark has been elected a member. This election requires confirmation.

STATISTICS OF TRADE.
The Table of Sales appended has been compiled at last year from the returns furnished to the Chamber by the various firms, and is most valuable to the members, but the totals do not accurately represent the extent of the trade of the Port, and it is therefore hoped that in the future they will see the advantage of giving the fullest possible returns to enable the Committee to bring forward a more correct statement.

THE CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I believe it has been the custom for our minutes of the last general meeting to be taken as read at this meeting. I have now to present you with the report of the Committee for 1881, and the accounts attached thereto. You have all had this report before you, and you will have seen the subjects which have been taken in hand by the Committee. The blockade grievance still exists, and I think at the present stage no remarks need be made on the subject. On the subject of the treatment of Chinese passengers by the *Ocean*,

Post Office.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz. :—Conductor, Gunner, Boat-
wain, or Carpenter.

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